

# Public Health Emergency Preparedness FACT SHEET

## About Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Tornados, fires, floods, thunderstorms, extreme heat, and earthquakes are natural disasters that Tennesseans face. Terrorism, international and domestic, is something that all Americans deal with. Would you know what to do if you were told to "shelter in place"? Do you have a plan to meet up with loved ones if phones are out and you can't get home? What if everyone is forced to evacuate? Have you thought about how these things could affect you or your family?

Having a plan, having a kit, and knowing the types of emergencies that could affect you, will not only empower you to act, but will also make the city of Nashville/Davidson county more resilient in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from natural or man-made emergencies.

Since 2002, the PHEP cooperative agreement has provided nearly \$9 billion to public health departments across the nation to upgrade their ability to effectively respond to a range of public health threats, including infectious diseases, natural disasters, and biological, chemical, nuclear and radiological events.

## About Partnerships

In the event that the Nashville/Davidson County metropolitan area is the target of a bio-terrorism attack, the Metro Public Health Department is prepared to act quickly and decisively to distribute needed medications to every person in the county.

It is a difficult task, but one that we can achieve with the help of many people. For more information on how your business can partner with Public Health, visit the CRI webpage at [click here](#) or call 615-340-PREP.

## About Getting Involved

Public Health Emergency Preparedness is always in need of community volunteers – both for emergency and non-emergency events. Planning and preparing for Public Health initiatives and Public Health emergencies is an ongoing and continuous effort.

Medical and non-medical professionals are needed to help train, to educate, to mentor, and to respond to Public Health efforts and emergencies. Volunteers are able to participate and assist in Public Health initiatives (fairs, trainings, etc.), Point of Dispensing activations and Disaster Shelters.

Anyone interested in becoming a Public Health Emergency Preparedness volunteer can learn more by [clicking here](#) or by calling 615-340-PREP.

Get a kit.

Make a plan.

Be prepared.

